

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

FROM: KEN A. MILLER
Transportation/**Flood Control**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FEDERAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR FY
2000/2001

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of the Flood Control District, adopt Resolution No. _____ to support the District's request to the California Water Commission for \$38,810,000 of federal funding for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, San Sevaine Creek Water Project, and several flood control related feasibility studies.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project is essential for solving serious flood control problems affecting San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties. The San Sevaine Creek Water Project is needed to diminish flood control concerns in San Bernardino County and to promote improved water conservation in the Chino Groundwater Basin. Both of these projects are progressing on schedule; however, additional funding is necessary for their ongoing construction. Also, funding is required for feasibility studies for the following flood control projects: Upper Santa Ana Watershed; Chino Agricultural Preserve; Mojave River Dam; and the Lytle, Cajon, Wilson, Potato and Wildwood Creeks.

The District has requested that the California Water Commission endorse its request for \$38,810,000 of federal funds at the Commission's scheduled meeting on March 3, 2000. The District's request includes funding for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (\$27,000,000), San Sevaine Creek Water Project (\$11,210,000), and various flood control feasibility studies (\$600,000). The Commission will adopt final recommendations for FY 2000/2001 funding and, at a future date, submit their recommendations to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Appropriations, Subcommittees on Energy and Water Development. The President's FY 2000/2001 proposed budget includes full funding for the San Sevaine Creek Water Project and the feasibility studies. However, the President's budget includes only \$18,000,000 for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project. The higher funding amount being requested by the District matched the United States Army Corps of Engineers capabilities for continuing design and construction on the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (\$12,000,000) and initiating construction on Prado Dam (\$15,000,000).

By approving this action, the Board would support the District's request for federal funding of the aforementioned projects.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on February 24, 2000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The financial impact to the District from these projects was previously identified and approved by the Board under separate actions. On December 19, 1989, the Board approved Agreement #89-1087 between the flood control districts of San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside Counties and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, identifying the financing for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project. On December 17, 1996, the Board approved Agreement #96-1116 between the District and the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, in which the financing requirements for the San Sevaine Creek Water Project were identified. At this time, the feasibility studies have no District financial requirements. If the studies determine that the projects are feasible, moving to the reconnaissance phase would require cost sharing on a 50% federal - 50% District basis.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller